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CITY NOTES.

The Patrick Sardis club will give its first annual ball at Turner hall on Friday evening.

Friday night St. John's Pioneer corps, of Pine Brook, will give an entertainment at its hall in Pine Brook.

On motion of Attorney John M. Harris court yesterday granted a charter to the Scranton Engineers' club.

The common council will hold a special meeting Thursday night to handle an accumulation of general business.

The New York company will meet tonight at 8 o'clock to make arrangements to attend the funeral of W. H. Schooner.

P. J. Casey, tax collector of Carbondale township, settled his duplicate for 1893 with the county commissioners yesterday.

John W. Benjamin was yesterday formally appointed by the county commissioners to the position of janitor of the court house.

The interior and frame work of the exterior of the county jail is to receive a needed repainting. Workmen began the task yesterday.

James Manson, of the Twentieth ward, was arrested last night for picking the pockets of a man at Zedler's hotel of a watch and \$2 in cash.

Thomas Taffey, of Lackawanna street, Oliphant, had his back broken by a fall of rock while at work in the Lackawanna Coal company's mine yesterday.

Inspector and General Agent P. W. Gallagher, of the Scranton traction company, yesterday took out commissions as a deputy sheriff and special policeman.

The chorus of the First Presbyterian church will meet for rehearsal tomorrow evening at 8:15, and not this evening, as previously announced to the choir.

Register of Wills H. T. Koehler yesterday admitted to probate the will of Sarah Roberts, late of this city, and granted letters testamentary to Evan J. Davis.

Fred. Kutz, a vagrant, who has been spending considerable time lately about Little England, was sent to jail for thirty days for beating and kicking Mrs. King, of the Tenth ward.

The permanent certificate committee of Lackawanna county will hold an examination at Liberty hall, Washington avenue, Scranton, on Saturday, April 14, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. Teachers desiring to enter the class are requested to notify the chairman, J. C. Vaughan, Scranton.

Deputy Sheriff Griswold yesterday sold the stock and fixtures of Fred Martin, the Penn avenue hotel keeper and ex-candidate for mayor, for \$278. The purchaser was Mrs. Lucinda Ward, who owns the building in which Mr. Martin conducts his hotel. The sale was made on judgments for \$500 and \$704 held by George Kinback and E. Robinson's Sons respectively.

OXFORD STREET VIEWERS.

Bill Presented to Court and Ordered Paid by the City.

Attorney T. P. Hoban presented to court yesterday the bill of the viewers on the grading of Oxford street.

Hoban said that while exceptions had been filed to the report there was no objection to payment of the viewers.

Judge Archbald thereupon approved the bill and directed that the city pay. It is as follows: John Schwenk, \$15; T. P. Hoban, \$55; O. W. Kirkpatrick, \$51.75; total, \$121.75.

Mothers

See infants' outfits at Baby Bazaar, 510 Spruce street.

Fresh made butter 25c. Strictly fresh eggs at Reinhardt's market.

Easter millinery opening at Mrs. Langstaff's 109 Wyoming avenue.

POLE TAX ORDINANCE

Will Be Referred to Select Council Without Comment by the Committee.

COMMITTEE DID NOT RECOMMEND

Representatives of the Electrical Corporations Present Petitions Against a Tax—Claim That Little If Any Profit Has Been Made and Companies Should Be Exempt from Taxation—Other Views.

Every member of the tax committee of the select council met last night at the city clerk's office to hear petitions for and against the taxing of poles owned by the Scranton Traction company, the telephone and telegraph companies and other electric corporations in the city.

After hearing the arguments pro and con the committee went into secret session and after less than an hour's deliberation decided to refer the matter to the council without recommendation.

Members Reven, Westfall, Ross, Kelly and Koch, comprising the full committee, were present. General Manager H. H. Archer, of the Scranton Traction company; Richard O'Brien, vice president of the Central Pennsylvania Telephone company and local manager of the Western Union Telegraph company; H. E. Raiter, representing the board of trade; F. E. Platt, of the Suburban Electric company, and Dr. B. H. Throop, of the Illuminating Heat and Power company, addressed the committee.

Mr. Raiter said the people's object in seeking to place a tax on poles was not for the purpose of raising revenue, but was practically to rid the streets of as many of the unsightly objects as possible and still leave a sufficient number to enable the corporations to conduct their several businesses in a manner safe and satisfactory to the public. He claimed that but 3,500 of the 7,000 were necessary, and a tax of \$3,500 would be but a small item on the \$3,000,000 invested.

DR. THROOP'S STATEMENT.

Dr. Throop said that the stock of the company be represented could be bought at par or a shade less, and that he divided could be paid; the committee could understand what a difference a tax would make with the value of stock.

Mr. Archer presented a petition for the Scranton Traction company, which, after some introductory statements, set forth the following:

When the writer assumed the management of the company's property in this city I particularly noted the apparent heavy tax upon the poles of the city authorities, which I am free to say was one of the reasons which made it desirable to accept the property. I reported to my directors that but that there was no pole license and no license required for running the cars, both of which I freely admit are in vogue in a number of cities. I must say, however, that the poles are much larger than our own. When I made my report my instructions were to pursue a liberal policy in the management of the property. Whether this has been done or not I leave to your committee and the public to judge.

The first move upon our part, and which occurred in less than two months after taking charge, was to have the matter of running the cars, and within twelve months there have been 1,053,472 people carried free. Shortly after was instituted a cheap fare for the working class, and in the same length of time the cost of the poles was carried for three cents; I might also add that this included a transfer, and frequently a passenger would ride from the north end of the city to the south end, or vice versa, a distance of from five to six miles for the three cents. Again, a little later on, there was also placed on sale a still cheaper ticket at two and one-half cents for school children and teachers; since which time there have been carried 99,340 passengers at this rate.

MORE OR LESS BUSINESS MATTER.

This saving in its entirety to the public amounts to \$20,000. This, of course, will be met by saying that it was simply a matter of business for the company to make these concessions, and I am free to say that the company was more or less of business, and the result has been that the grasping corporation by reason of these deductions has earned less than three-fourths of 1 per cent upon its capital stock. I leave to you to judge whether the public or the company received the most benefit from this policy. During the year there was expended \$250,000 on reconstruction, extension and improvements of the property. Of this amount over 90 per cent was expended in this city. During that time we had upon our pay rolls over 450 men, and there are more than 250 upon the rolls at the time of this writing. As a further evidence of this liberal policy I might add that the company has recently offered to construct a viaduct over West Lackawanna avenue. Last year we also offered to contribute \$2,000 toward the widening of the street, and the reconstruction of the abutments and bridge at that point; we also offered to assist in the removal of the piers and in the reconstruction of the bridges on Carbondale street.

We are at this time and have been for some months past, perfecting a plan which will do away with at least half the poles by erecting a large pole and all the different companies combining. In the case of Lackawanna avenue alone it will reduce the poles over 15 per cent. For some time past we have been investigating the matter of safety fenders for the cars, and just as soon as it has been determined which one is the best, it will necessitate an expenditure of several thousand dollars in this alone. A great outlay of money will be made during the coming year in further extensions and improvements, and our object in giving you these facts is simply for the purpose of your considering whether or not it is just to impose the tax at this time. With your permission I will further add that our taxes, most of which go to the state, are already at \$12,000, or the interest on \$300,000.

NUMBER OF POLES IN CITY.

As near as I can tell at this time we have about 2,500 poles in the city, and as we are constantly extending this amount, of course, will materially increase. Frankly, I am opposed to the passage of this ordinance. I believe that the imposing and collection of such a tax at this time would not only prove a serious matter to the company, one that would have to be met by recalling the cheap fares alluded to, but it would also seem to indicate that the policy of the company had not been sufficiently appreciated by the public generally to have any weight in matters of this character.

We do not wish to be unreasonable, and only ask that the same courtesies be extended to our business that has been extended to others, namely, as an inducement to your city, an exemption from taxation, at least long enough for the enterprise to give some return to its stockholders. Your committee and citizens will always find a reciprocation of all courtesies that will lead to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

Mr. O'Brien presented this petition on behalf of the telephone and telegraph companies.

To the tax committee of select council, Gentlemen—I beg leave to ask what has made Scranton so widely known as "The Electric City" and what has helped to make it the most progressive and prosperous city of its size in America? Surely, every one will admit, that the extension of the telegraph and telephone and of the electric light and electric street car system, as represented by these poles and wires, have largely contributed to this result.

Many persons imagine that these enter-

prises are very profitable and that the very heavy taxation imposed upon them by the state for doing business within its borders, is not sufficient. The Western Union Telegraph company pay but 3 per cent dividends and the Postal company nothing. What are the facts? Have any of the electric light companies in the city ever paid a dollar to the men who put their hundreds of thousands into it? The fact is, that the people of Scranton have been getting the immense sums of money that are being expended in the improvement and development of this great enterprise will show better results than the electric light investment. Thus far the benefits have been reaped by the people, chiefly by the business men and workmen of the city.

To bury the wires would compel the companies to double their capital and double the cost of service to the people. The overhead trolley is the only practical electrical railway system in the world today. All others, including the storage battery, have proved utter failures. When the telephone was introduced in Scranton, it was the desire of the managers to make it popular. The rates were put below the average for cities of this class. This plan was very promising for a time. Comparatively cheap construction and equipment did the work. These seemed to be good profits in the business until the electric light and electric street car system appeared on the scene, since then the difficulties and the cost have increased enormously. It may help you to realize this, when I tell you that the switching apparatus of the Scranton exchange has been changed six times, each time the most improved and consequently the most expensive apparatus was put in, only to be thrown aside for something newer and better in a year or two.

RATES NOT INCREASED.

The rates have not been increased. About 200 residences are supplied by the Central Pennsylvania Telephone company, most of them people of very moderate means. They received dividends of only 5 per cent per annum up to January 1, 1892, since which time they have not had a cent directly or indirectly from this investment. Every dollar has been expended in maintaining the business, and the Central Pennsylvania has actually borrowed and expended about \$100,000 additionally in improving the service. About \$30,000 of this has been spent in the year 1893 in the erection of the central office and its equipments and also in the erection of line poles to take the place of old poles and wires in the central portion of the city. These poles are intended to accommodate the wires of all the electrical companies, and they will therefore displace a large number of old ones. \$30,000 additional will be required to extend and complete this improvement. We would ask that you would give us time to complete the work we are now engaged in and to show what improvements we will make. It does not seem fair to press this burden upon a tax at a time when we are spending so much money in the city making every effort to better the telephone service and to improve the appearance of the city.

I know it will be a great surprise to a great many people to learn these things about the telephone business. If any one cares to verify them, I can refer them to a number of responsible gentlemen in this city. I do not believe that any fair-minded man will wish to see this tax imposed; it would be a notice to the entire country that the broad minded, enterprising business men, who have helped to make Scranton what it is, are now at a total loss of different type—a painful thing to contemplate. Its effect would be far reaching and most injurious to reputation and progress of our city.

ABOUT WELL KNOWN PERSONS.

Physical Director Weston, of the Young Men's Christian association, is an ardent admirer of hand ball and has become quite an expert at this game. In fact, Mr. Weston's opinion there is no single pastime better calculated to give all the muscles of the human body uniform development and at the same time to sharpen a man's wit, eyesight and judgment. In the summer time Mr. Weston is a tennis player, and has inspired his large classes with a liberal share of his own zeal and skill with the racket and ball.

Among Tuesday's visitors to Scranton was W. G. Tompkins, of West Pittston, well known among coal men and prominent, also, in the church work of the Garden Village. Mr. Tompkins at one time had political ambitions, but has lately devoted his energies to business pursuits, with flattering success. Mr. Tompkins has many friends here to whom his frequent visits are always replete with pleasure.

Eight years ago William F. McGee, then a small boy, entered the night school of Wood's college. He was working with his father in the mines as a door tender among coal men. Later he secured a position with Rice, Levy & Co., where he remained until a little over a year ago, when he entered the counting room of the Maloney Oil company. He has recently been appointed head bookkeeper and treasurer for that enterprising firm. Mr. McGee attended the Carbondale University of Carbondale for six months and was a most studious young man. His advancement is due to genuine worth.

C. H. Jadin, the real estate agent, is one of the busiest of men these days. At the approach of spring the activity invariably increases, as the air is full of real estate deals. Mr. Jadin expects to boom his interests at Gavel Lake during the coming season with unusual vigor.

F. L. Wormser has been appointed to his old position as chairman of the teachers' committee of the board of control. The honor was unsolicited, in fact Mr. Wormser requested that some other member be given first place, but President Von Storch acted wisely in refusing his request. No man in the city is more thoroughly conversant with the onerous duties of the very important position. He has made a study of the educational interests of the city and cannot be accused of narrowness or partiality. He strives after the best results and uses only honorable means to attain them. He has entered on his ninth year as chairman of the teachers' committee.

ALL DEPARTMENTS RUNNING.

Scranton Lumber Factory Operating Within Forty Per Cent of Full Capacity.

The Scranton Lumber works at Green Ridge has resumed operations in all departments. About 300 hands are engaged manufacturing goods, a portion of which only are for orders; the balance will be put in stock to meet future trade, for which the outlook is encouraging.

No night work will be done. The plant is doing within 40 per cent of its full capacity and running every day.

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

Announcement, commencing March 12, their line on the European plan will run on train leaving Easton 10:30 a. m., arriving at Wilkes-Barre 1:35 p. m., and train 2, leaving Wilkes-Barre 4:35 p. m., arriving at Easton 7:40 p. m., instead of between Jersey City and Wilkes-Barre, as heretofore.

And train 3, leaving Wilkes-Barre 8:05 a. m., and train 2, leaving New York 4:10 p. m., will now carry Pullman Palace cars between Wilkes-Barre and New York. The rates are very nominal, as between New York and Carbondale seats are only 25 cents; between New York and Mauch Chunk, 50 cents, and between New York and Wilkes-Barre, 75 cents.

A FREE LABOR BUREAU

Tribune Offers Plan Which Has Been Successfully Conducted in Other Cities.

WILL CHARITY OFFICIALS NEED

Expenditures Will Be Reduced, Duties Made Easier and Officials Relieved Establish a Free Labor Bureau Where Applicants Will Find Work, Business Men Be Accommodated and Crime Possibly Prevented.

A suggestion is offered to charity officers by The Tribune which would save them much trouble and annoyance, lessen the expenditure of funds and make their duties considerably less laborious.

Why cannot a labor bureau be inaugurated and placed under the supervision of a competent manager, where applicants seeking charity and out of work may be furnished employment? The prominent business houses and manufacturers of the city would only too gladly file applications for employees, and possibly would pay a reasonable rate for the privilege, anyhow, that not could be easily adjusted and cuts but a small figure in the plan.

WOULD PREVENT CRIME.

One thing is certain—men and women would be furnished employment and would not be compelled to solicit pecuniary aid. If the bureau fell behind a considerable sum its benefit to the general movement would be more than balanced, and possibly many would be saved from theft, drink and other vices.

In New York the free labor bureau at the Cremona mission, in West Twenty-second street, has been supported, and through its agency hundreds of men on whom whole families were dependent for support have been supplied with work. The movement has been so successful in that city that a branch has been started in Brooklyn. Some of the most prominent business houses in Brooklyn have been enlisted in the work, and it is expected that in a week several other branches will be opened.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

At every meeting of the Board of Associated Charities, or board and many of the church charity organizations, the labor problem has received pronounced consideration.

The Tribune presents the idea for consideration.

The following extract from the report of the committee of National City of Charity will be of interest to charity officials of this city and taxpayers interested in their work:

Simultaneously with the beginning of charity organization there was a recession in important cities of out-door relief; returns from four cities at that time give the following decrease in out-door relief:

Cities.	Out Relief.	Out Relief.
Boston.	1893.	1894.
Chicago.	1893.	1894.
Philadelphia.	1893.	1894.
San Francisco.	1893.	1894.

Amount saved taxpayers \$330,515.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

From the above table it will be seen that over one-third of a million dollars have been saved to taxpayers by the efforts of organized bodies of citizens who relieved the pressure on city vaults. It is not known that Scranton has many who are opposed to individual and organization charity, but if such is the case they may receive an object lesson from the above figures, which are official and trustworthy.

This same national committee says: "Charity organizations claimed the credit of out-relief as a result of personal effort and agitation. Admissions to almshouses and infirmaries in the cities were reduced among people decreased. This event attracted widespread attention in watchful official circles, evinced the value of the investigations which preceded it, and disclosed the worst that useless prodigality of out-door relief. Its influence spread far and wide beyond the limits where it could be immediately followed, and was the beginning of a wiser administration of the charitable funds raised by taxation in many communities."

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

It Will Be Given At College Hall on Thursday Evening.

Thursday evening, Council No. 134, Young Men's Institute, will give an excellent entertainment at College hall, Wyoming avenue, a feature of which will be an address by P. H. O'Donnell, the celebrated Carbondale University orator. The best local talent will assist at the entertainment, as the following program shows:

Remarks..... Pres. M. A. McGinley
Instrumental music.....
Dickson Mandolin and Guter Club Solo, selected..... Miss Maggie Harrington
Solo, "Roll Call"..... Pennett
Richard Thomas.
Duet, "Harp of the Winds"..... Abt
Miss Margaret and Lizzie Brown
Solo, "I Am Waiting"..... Bruch
Howell Davies.
Address..... P. H. O'Donnell
Duet, "The Love Song".....
Miss Kate Morgan, William Watkins
Solo, "Promise Me"..... William Watkins
Duet, "Two Sailors"..... Gwent
Howell Davies and Richard Thomas
Solo, selected..... Tim Sullivan
Amusement 25 cents. No additional charge for seats.

SUPERVISORS TAKE APPEAL.

Do Not Want Yarrington Hill Annexed to Carbondale City.

Supervisors Patrick Brown and Michael McCall, of Carbondale township yesterday appealed to court from the action of the council of Carbondale city in annexing a portion of Carbondale township known as Yarrington Hill. The annexing ordinance was approved by the mayor of Carbondale on Monday.

Yarrington Hill, geographically speaking, belongs to Carbondale city. It adjoins it on the east and has property valued for tax purposes at \$150,000. Along in 1859 Yarrington Hill was a portion of the city, but was divorced from it by act of the legislature.

NEW BRIDGE AT DICKSON CITY.

It Was Accepted Yesterday by the County Commissioners.

A new bridge over the Lackawanna river at Dickson City was accepted yesterday by the county commissioners from the contractors, the Groton Bridge company, of Groton, N. Y.

It is a handsome iron structure with a 95-foot span and cost the county \$1,500.

Goethel's Meat Market.

Mrs. Barbara Goethel will continue the butcher business, has been conducted by her late husband, Stephen Goethel, at 518 Cedar avenue, under the management of John H. Schneider and Fred Weiser. Dr. Weiser in the past and asks for a continuance of the same.

MEN'S NOONDAY SERVICES.

St. Luke's Pastor Has Something to Say Particularly to Easy Men.

Concerning the special noonday services at St. Luke's, which are especially for the business world, Rev. Rogers Israel, the pastor, says: "This service, beginning promptly at five minutes after 12 o'clock, will continue but thirty minutes, and is especially for busy men, although any one will be very welcome. Few men, apparently, find it convenient to attend the 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. daily services, and so we give this opportunity hoping many will deny themselves a portion of their noon hour. The privileges of Lent are for men as well as women, and the supporter of the physical nature of the family is also expected to be the provider in spiritual things. A man has no more right to devote himself to praying and singing and cultivating his spiritual nature while he allows his family to starve, than he has to devote all his time to accumulating money to feed and clothe them to the neglect of their spiritual training and his own spiritual development."

FENDERS FOR THE STREET CARS.

General Manager of the Scranton Traction Company, Decides to Adopt Device Used in Buffalo.

At the meeting of the tax committee of select council last evening, General Manager Archer, of the Scranton Traction company, appeared and made a statement advancing reasons why the ordinance at present pending before select council, relative to the taxing of poles in this city, should not become a law.

During the course of his remarks Mr. Archer asserted that the cars owned and operated by the Scranton Traction company in this vicinity would in the very near future be supplied with fenders, or life savers in device, that will render rapid transit by means of street cars perfectly safe to all persons having to use the highways in the city.

A Tribune reporter waited on Mr. Archer after the meeting last evening and in response to a question Mr. Archer said: "Yes, sir; before three months every car in this city will be supplied with a fender. I have been considering the subject for some time and the only question in my mind was which of the several fenders in use was the best. None of those at present patented having come up to the expectations even of the patentees."

"I was in Buffalo recently and saw what I consider to be the very best fender in use. This I will adopt, and will at once write to the patentees requesting them to come here and apply for a license."

Asked as to the probable outlay necessary to effect the improvement, Mr. Archer said:

"I anticipate that the cost of one fender with the patent rights will be about \$100. With 100 cars owned and operated by the company, it is easy to figure the outlay."

BUILDING PLANS BOOMING.

Decreased Structural Percentage.

Building Inspector John Nelson, in conversation with a Tribune reporter yesterday, announced the spring building outlook, said:

"Usually more operations are commenced in the fall and early winter than during the earlier seasons of the year, and from May until August or September carpenters, masons and other tradesmen are in demand. Last year's financial depression has, I think, brought about a different order of things, and men who were then chary of investing their money in building ventures will this spring take heart and put their plans forward. This contentment is now apparent, on the surface, because the weather is unsettled, but I look for such an amount of building soon as well more than balance the falling off of last year's building percentage."

Scranton's Business Interests.

The Tribune will soon publish carefully compiled and classified list of the leading wholesale, banking, manufacturing and professional interests of Scranton and vicinity. The edition will be bound in book form, beautifully illustrated with photographs views of our public buildings, business blocks, streets, etc., together with portraits of leading citizens. No similar work has ever given an equal representation of Scranton's many industries. It will be an invaluable exposition of our business resources. Sent to persons outside the city, copies of this handsome work will attract new comers and be an unequalled advertisement of the city. The circulation is on a plan that cannot fail of good results to those concerned as well as the city at large. Representatives of THE TRIBUNE will call upon those whose names are inserted in this edition and explain its nature more fully.

Those desiring views of their residences in this edition will please have notice at the office.

We Open Today

our new stock of Boys' Waists, "The King" and "Mother's Friend."

New Bicycle.

A new bicycle worth \$75 will be sold for \$25. The machine is guaranteed and is a rare bargain. Machine may be seen at the Tribune office.

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UMBRELLA STRAPS

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303 Spruce St.

Best Sets of Teeth, \$8.00

Including the painless extracting of teeth by an entirely new process.

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DECISION IN THE DEACLE CASE.

Supreme Court Sustains the Opinion of Judge Gunster.

The 'supreme court on Monday, in Philadelphia, handed down an opinion affirming the decision of Judge Gunster of this county, in the case of Joseph Deacle against Arthur G. Deacle and William George Deacle.

The case is one in ejectment, a property in the First ward of this city being in dispute. On Jan. 8, Judge Gunster in an opinion made absolute the rule to set aside the award of arbitrators and to strike off the judgment entered thereon. This opinion the court sustains.

The award of arbitrators was in favor of the plaintiff, and against the defendants for the land described in the writ.

Easter Millinery Opening.

An exhibit of trim hats, tasteful in design. A display of straw goods, lace, jets, flowers, etc., at Mrs. Langstaff's, 109 Wyoming avenue, Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17. Call whether you intend buying or not.

Music Boxes Exclusively.

Best made. Play any desired number of tunes. Gauthier & Sons, manufacturers,